Trading Partner ID FAQs

	Question	Answer/Response
1	Do I need a trading partner ID?	If batch files are submitted directly to Alabama Medicaid using either Provider Electronic Solutions, a vendor's software or in-house developed software, then yes a trading partner id is required to trade files.
		If batch files are not sent directly to Alabama Medicaid, but sent indirect through a state agency or a clearinghouse, then no a trading partner id is not required.
2	I received a letter that is addressed "Dear Trading Partner", what is this for?	A letter is generated to users that have completed the Trading Partner Request form or a Data Switch Agreement. This will allow a provider to establish an account with Alabama Medicaid on a secure web portal, which will allow for the trading or uploading and downloading of batch files.
3	What is the difference between Submitter ID and Trading Partner ID?	Submitter ID and Trading Partner ID mean the same thing, which is a number issued to trade files with Alabama Medicaid.
4	When do I need to use my new Trading Partner ID?	 For Trading Partners: The Trading Partner ID also known as a Submitter ID, needs to be replaced in the ISA06 and GS02 fields of the X12 transaction when submitted batch files to Alabama Medicaid after February 25, 2008. For Provider Electronic Software users: The Trading Partner ID must be entered in the Options setup under the Batch tab, in the Trading Partner ID field.